

## Summary of Programs:

**Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP):** CA program that provides preventive health assessment services to children and youth up to age 19 whose family incomes are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL) (or up to age 21 for Medi-Cal eligible children). Serves as a gateway into Medi-Cal.

**Medi-Cal:** CA version of the federal Medicaid program that provides health care coverage to low-income families and children, persons with disabilities, and seniors. Income eligibility: less than 200% of FPL for infants under 1; less than 133% of FPL for children age 1 to 5.

- **Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program (EPSDT):** A Medicaid program that funds medically necessary health and mental health care services to ameliorate diagnosed physical and mental conditions in Medi-Cal eligible children up to age 21. In CA, EPSDT specialty mental health services are provided through county mental health departments.
- **Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers:** May operate in conjunction with a state's Medicaid program to provide specific community-based services to a targeted population of Medi-Cal eligible persons. CA has a HCBS waiver to serve persons with developmental disabilities.

**Healthy Families:** CA version of the federal State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Provides health care coverage to low-income children under age 19 who are ineligible for Medi-Cal and have family incomes less than 250% of FPL.

**Early Start:** A federal program created under Part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Provides early intervention services to children from birth to age 3 that have a developmental delay or are at risk of delayed development or a developmental disability. In CA, the California Department of Developmental Services and the regional centers administer the program in collaboration with the California Department of Education and local education agencies.

**Regional Center Services:** CA program created under the state's Lanterman Act to provide services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

**Special Education / Preschool Programs:** A federal program created under Part B of IDEA. Requires schools to provide educational and related services to children with disabilities in order to benefit from a free and appropriate public education (FAPE).

**Head Start and Early Head Start:** A federal program that provides educational, medical, health, and social services to low-income and disabled children up to age 5 and their families. Income eligibility is up to 100% of FPL.

**First 5 Programs:** CA program created by Proposition 10 that funds early childhood and family support programs and systems development. County commissions design and implement local programs based on locally defined needs.